

Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

* SAFE PROM & GRADUATION SEASON *

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most common substance abused by Arizona teens; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related injuries are the leading cause of death before age 21; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2006 Arizona Youth Survey, the average age of first regular alcohol use is approximately 14; and

WHEREAS, consuming alcohol before age 21 is not a "rite of passage", and can cause long- and short-term damage to the adolescent brain; and

WHEREAS, high school prom and graduation seasons historically cause a spike in youth alcohol-related accidents; and

WHEREAS, most Arizona high school students indicate that their parents have not spoken to them about the dangers of drinking alcohol; and

WHEREAS, surveyed parents and other adults underestimate how often their children consume alcohol as well as their own power to prevent it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1-June 15, 2008 as

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and encourage citizens of all ages to help ensure safe, alcohol-free prom and graduation celebrations for our youth.

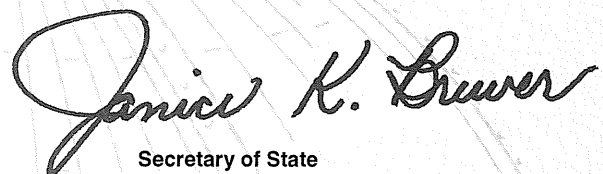
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State